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| Utility | 300 | 150 | 500 | 250 | 200 | 100 | _____ |
| Design | 200 | 100 | 100 | 50 | 130 | 65 | _____ |
| Plant | 200 | 100 | 300 | 150 | 160 | 80 | _____ |
| Reissue | 300 | 150 | 500 | 250 | 600 | 300 | _____ |
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Each claim over 20 (including Reissues)

Each independent claim over 3 (including Reissues)

Multiple dependent claims

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AMENDMENT

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In response to the Office Action mailed February 10, 2006, please amend the application as follows and consider the remarks set forth below.

Amendments to the Specification begin on page 2 of this paper.

Amendments to the Claims begin on page 3 of this paper.

Remarks begin on page 13 of this paper.